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NSS Survey

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether NSS (National Sample Survey) plans to conduct regular survey of employment and labour force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the survey is likely to be commenced and completed ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA]

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): At present, widely used comprehensive data on labour market (i.e., employment and unemployment statistics) are available from Employment and Unemployment Surveys conducted by NSSO usually once in five years. With a view to measure changes in the labour market on quarterly/annual basis, a proposal to carry out regular survey of employment and labour force, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), has been initiated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The PLFS aims to provide quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market for urban areas and the annual estimates of different labour force indicators for both rural and urban areas, at State/UT and all India level. The annual estimates of the parameters (both rural and urban areas) include (i) Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) & Unemployment Rate (UR), (ii) Distribution of workers by industry and occupation, and (iii) Average earnings of workers. However, the quarterly estimates of changes for urban areas include LFPR, WPR and UR.

(c): For launching this survey, continuing in nature, approvals for creation/engagement of required manpower as well as procurement of handheld IT devices for collection of data have been obtained. For an early launch of the survey, the processes of engaging additional manpower and procuring handheld IT devices have been initiated.
